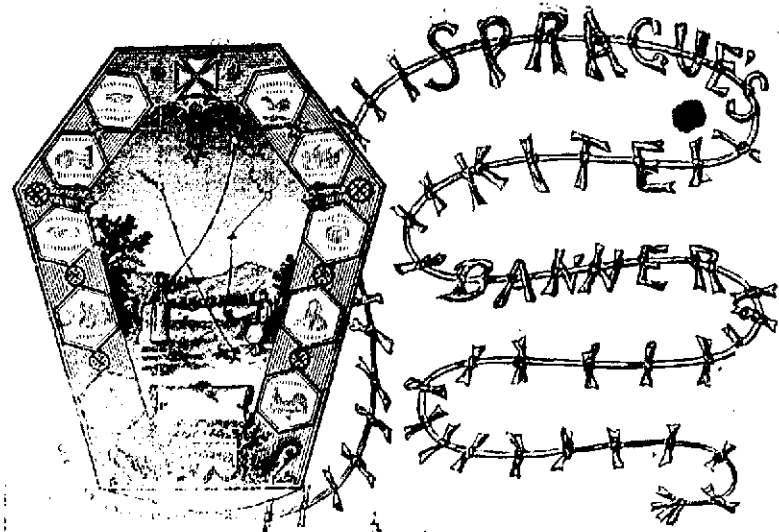


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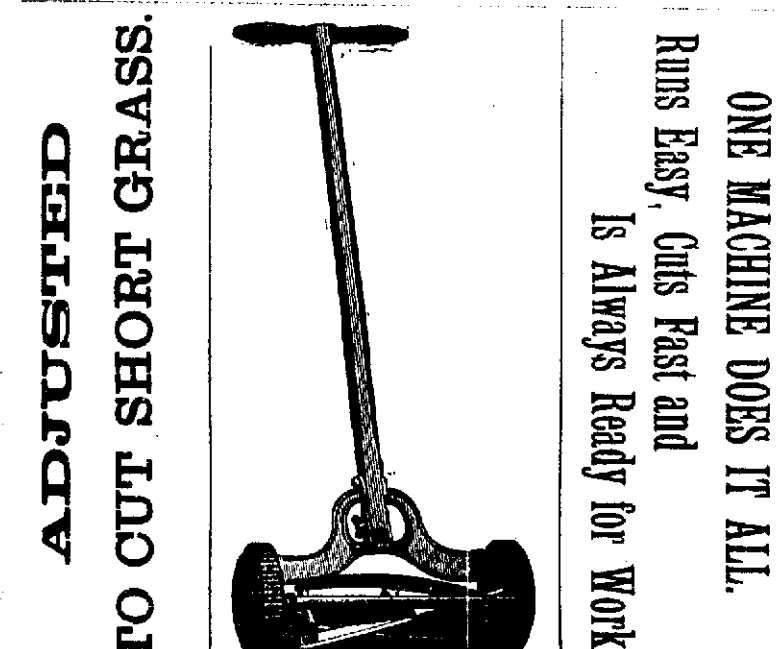
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Horses in this country, at least those that have reached maturity and are kept at work, are fed almost exclusively on hay and oats during the entire year. In towns timothy hay made from grass that attained its full growth before it was cut is generally preferred. If timothy hay can not be obtained, a preference is ordinarily shown for hay made from wild prairie grass that contains rosin-weed. Hay made from clover, red-top grass, Hungarian, or millet, is condemned for various reasons, but chiefly because they are liable to contain dust that injures horses. Most horse-keepers prefer oats that have been kept for several months and have become dry. Barley is regarded as the grain which furnishes the best substitute for oats. There is little objection to wheat except its cost. Corn is objected to because it is "too heating," and for the additional reason that it tends to the formation of fat instead of firm flesh. Similar objections apply to buckwheat. Oil-rice, cotton seed meal, ensilage, potatoes, pumpkins, peas, millstuffs and most kinds of roots are rarely ever fed to horses if hay and oats can be obtained.

No domesticated animals have so small a variety of food as horses. Some declare that their appetite does not cause them to desire many changes in diet. The probable reason why horses are apparently satisfied with two kinds of food may be found in the circumstance that they seldom have an opportunity to taste of any thing else. Especially is this true of horses that are continuously kept in cities. Still, most have observed that horses have a liking for all the kinds of food that are given to cattle and sheep. They are very fond of apples, cabbage and nearly all sorts of garden vegetables. They are very fond of sweet substances. They will eat the leaves of corn, sugar cane and sorghum in preference to hay. In some European countries where oats and hay are scarce horses readily eat straw on which a small amount of cheap molasses has been thrown. It is likely that horses would eat as many kinds of food as sheep and cattle do if they were allowed to follow the leadings of their own appetite. That they are taught to eat a great variety of substances is certain.

Carrots have been more generally fed to horses than almost any kind of food except hay and oats. Their consumption in this city is increasing quite rapidly. Many farmers in the vicinity who cultivate extensive land raise large quantities of them and haul them to town, receiving from \$10 to \$12 per ton for them. Considerable quantities are brought here from Southern Wisconsin in cars. An average crop is 1,000 bushels per acre. When the rows are near together and the land has been used in cultivation 1,500 bushels have been raised. Persons who have used carrots extensively for feeding horses consider three bushels of them as equal to one bushel of oats. They do not recommend dispensing with oats, but reducing the amount about one-half. They think that the hay and oats are better digested when the horse has one ration a day of carrots. Horses soon become very fond of carrots and will not touch hay or oats when they are in the crib.

Carrots do better than turnips and the large varieties of beets in most parts of this country for the reason that their roots grow entirely below the surface of the ground, while roots that are exposed to the rays of the sun become hard and stringy. Unless carrots are sown on ground that is quite free from the seed of grass and weeds there will be great trouble in cultivating the crop. The seed should be sown as soon as the soil is in a condition to work, so that the plants will get an early start. When small the plants are delicate and grow slowly. They are not content with grass and weeds. The rows should be straight, and the ground between them should be worked as soon as the plants make their appearance. There is no necessity for stirring it deep. All that is wanted is to keep the weeds from springing up. The work can be done with a sharp hoe or a garden rake. When the plants are about three or four inches high they should be thinned out so they will stand about four inches apart. Heavy weeding in the row should be removed at this time. A common table-knife can be used to good advantage in doing this work.

If the work of thinning and weeding is well performed but little hand cultivation will afterward be required. The plants will grow rapidly after the weather becomes warm and they have sufficient space in the rows. The ground, however, must be kept free from weeds till it is shaded by the carrot tops. The long orange variety is the most productive, but is difficult to harvest. In most respects a variety having shorter roots will give better satisfaction. Soil that is rich enough to produce a good crop of corn will raise carrots. If the soil contains much rank manure the plants will run too much to leaves. Well-rotted stable manure is the best fertilizer for this crop. If the soil is covered deep the plants will not reach the surface of the ground till it is covered with weeds. If sowing is delayed till the ground is quite dry the seed will germinate slowly for want of moisture, and may be blown away. Most growers state that twenty days' work is required to plant, cultivate and harvest an acre of carrots. The crop is best adapted to places where land to work is scarce and labor comparatively plenty.—Chicago Times.

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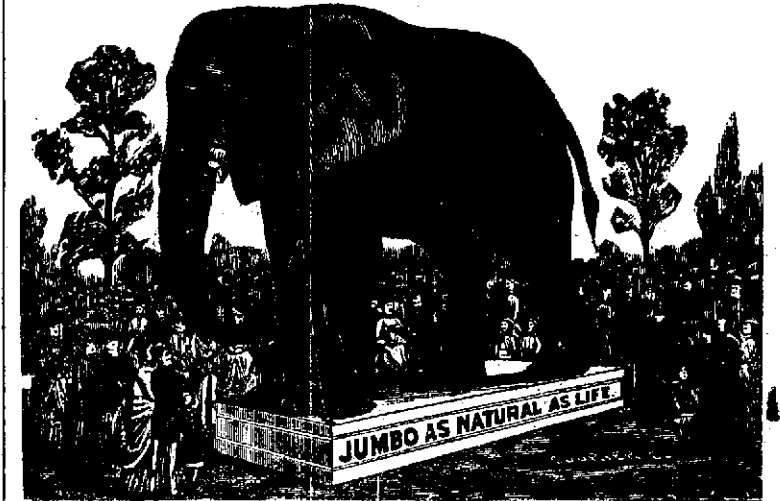
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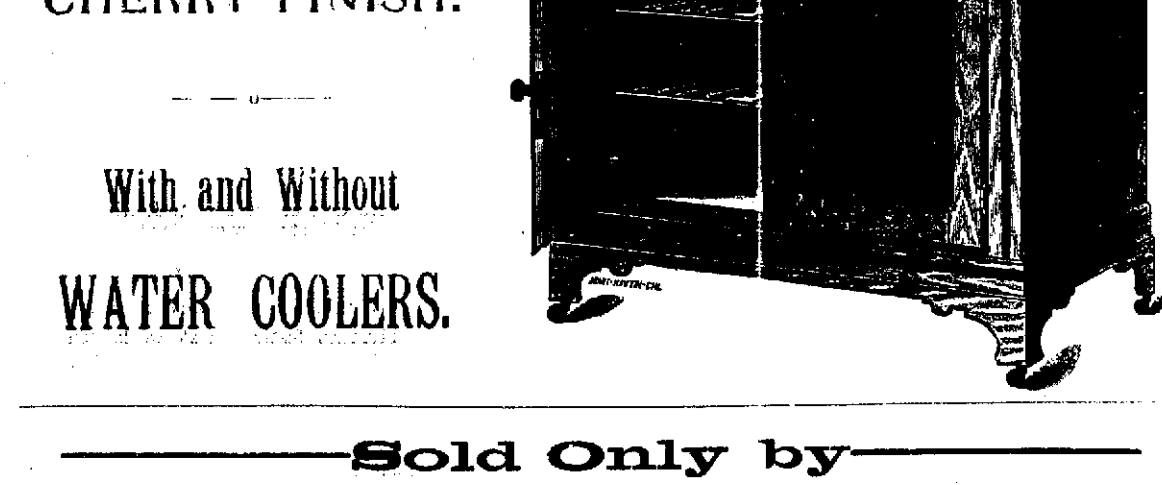
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